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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: SPANISH SAHARA

RABAT FOR ATHERTON:

PEKING FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. DURING INFORMAL TALKS PRIOR TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING EVENING OCTOBER 22, REPRESENTATIVES OF MOROCCO AND SPAIN GRUDIGINGLY INDICATED TO US THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT DRAFT RESOLUTION S/11858 (TEXT SEPTTEL).

2. ALGERIA (RAHAL) SPOKE BEFORE VOTE, DESCRIBING "UNILATERAL ACTION" (I.E., MARCH) AS VERY DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT GOES AGAINST GA RESOLUTIONS. INSTEAD, A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS NEEDED, IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD.

3. THEREAFTER, RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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COSTA RICAN DRAFT WAS WITHDRAWN.

4. ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL EXCEPT IRAQ THEN SPOKE. GUYANA (JACKSON) CALLED ON PARTIES NOT TO EXACERBATE AN ALREADY TENSE SITUATION. SOVIETS (AMLIK) SAID THAT OPPONENTS OF DECLONICATION CANNOT HALT THE PROCESS. TANZANIA (SALIM) SAID RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAHARA RESTED WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. VIRTUALLY ALL SPEAKERS ACKNOWLEDGED ROLE PLAYED IN DRAFTING RESOLUTION BY NON-ALIGNED OF SC. MARUITANIA (EL HASSEN) DESCRIBED CHOICE IN SAHARA AS ONE BETWEEN SELF-DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. MAURITANIAN CLAIMS ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH HAVING A REFERENDUM AND SELF-DETERMINATION. BUT SAHARAN PEOPLE WERE INFLUENCED ALONG OTHER LINES BY THE SPANISH: THOSE NOW FAVORING INDEPENDENCE DO NOT CONSTITUTE A REAL INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. MAURITANIA IS READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SHE WILL MAKE SURE THAT SELF-DETERMINATION DOES NOT LEAD TO NATIONAL DISINTEGRATION. MOROCCO PERMREP (SLAOU) CALLED FOR NEGOTIATIONS, CITING GA RES 1541, HE STATED THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS WHEREBY A TERRITORY MAY EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION, GA RES. 1514 ALSO REFERS TO RIGHTS TO UNITY AND THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

5. SPAIN PPERMREP (DE PINIES) CALLED FOR FOURTH COMMITTEE OF UNGA TO DEAL WITH SAHARA, AS A NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORY. MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN CONCLUSIONS ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH THOSE OF ICJ AND UN VISITING MISSION. GA IS THE COMPETENT BODY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM. ALGERIA (RAHAL) CONCLUDED DEBATE, COMMENTING THAT GA RES 1541 ALSO SAYS THAT PEOPLE MUST FREELY CHOOSE WHICH PATH THEY WISH TO FOLLOW IN THE EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. ALGERIA IS NOT AGAINST THE INTEGRATION OF THE SAHARA INTO MOROCCO, MAURITANIA OR BOTH; BUT IT DOES WANT THIS TO BE THE RESULT OF A FREE CHOICE. ALGERIA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THAT TERRITORIAL CLAIMS SHOULD PREVAIL.
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